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TRANSITIONAL CELL CARCINOMA

Serial No.: 10/550,608

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Please see attached, our Petition sent in on April 19, 2005 and the Oath and Declaration. Per my conversation with the customer service rep with the PCT branch, the original Oath and Declaration was inadequate due to the lack of signature from one of the inventors. I explained we could not obtain the signature and that we filed a Petition that would allow the Oath and Declaration, he said he did not see it on the system and that I should re-submit it to the PCT fax number. This should clear up our problem with the Missing Requirements for the Oath and Declaration.

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PETITION TO FILE ON BEHALF OF INVENTOR WHO REFUSES TO JOIN IN APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47

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Dear Sir:

One of the joint inventors of the above referenced application has refused to join in the application for patent. Therefore, the Applicants hereby petition to make the application on their behalf and the nonsigning inventor.

A bona fide attempt to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 has been made as discussed in detail below.

The pertinent facts of the case have been presented in a letter from the Assignee's Foreign Legal Representative attached as Exhibit A. The Assignee and the Assignee's Legal Representative have performed the following steps on the Applicants' behalf in order to contact the nonsigning inventor, Miguel Molina Vila:

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- 1. On September 29, 2005, the Assignee, PROGENIKA BIOPHARMA, S.A. mailed a copy of the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney to the last known address of the nonsigning inventor, along with a copy of the abstract of the PCT application. The mailing is attached as Exhibit B. The nonsigning inventor did not reply to the first letter.
- 2. On November 3, 2005, the Assignee, PROGENIKA BIOPHARMA, S.A. mailed a copy of the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney to the last known address of the nonsigning inventor, along with copies of the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by all of the other inventors. The mailing is attached as Exhibit C. The nonsigning inventor did not reply to the second letter.
- 3. Following the lack of response by the nonsigning inventor, the Applicants attempted to locate the inventor through the Spanish equivalent of the personal phone directory or "Yellow Pages" and discovered that the nonsigning inventor was not listed.
- 4. The Assignee's Legal Representative, ABG PATENTES obtained the email address of the inventor. On February 7, 2006, the ABG PATENTES emailed the nonsigning inventor electronic copies of the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney. The nonsigning inventor replied through email asking for the best way to sign and return the documents.
- On February 8, 2006, the nonsigning inventor wrote an email asking to change the address on the Declaration and Power of Attorney to his new home address without providing the address. The nonsigning inventor also asked if he would lose ownership rights in the patent application by signing the assignment.
- 6. On February 9, 2006, ABG PATENTES responded to the inventor stating that they would change the address in the Declaration and Power of Attorney if provided. Also, ABG PATENTES stated that according to the nonsigning inventor's contract signed with Assignee, the nonsigning inventor was required to assign all ownership rights in the patent application to the Assignee. A copy of the contract was included with the email.
- 7. The nonsigning inventor did not respond to the email dated February 9, 2006.
- 8. ABG PATENTES emailed a reminder to the nonsigning inventor on February 15, 2006 and did not receive a response.
- 9. ABG PATENTES emailed a reminder to the nonsigning inventor on February 20, 2006 and did not receive a response.
- 10. ABG PATENTES emailed a reminder to the nonsigning inventor on March 9, 2006 that included copies of the application documents as filed in the U.S.P.T.O., and the assignment documents. The nonsigning inventor did not respond to the email of March 9, 2005.

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We have attached the email correspondence between the nonsigning inventor and ABG PATENTES summarized above as Exhibit D.

The last known address of the nonsigning inventor is:

Miguel Molina Vila C/Pintura 1, 5°, 2° 08035-Barcelona

A bona fide attempt to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 has been made as discussed in detail below. The nonsigning inventor has refused to join in the signing of the application.

In view of the above, Applicants request that the Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY	FOR PATENT APPLICATION
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to parentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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